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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. FOIA b3a
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It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent FOIA b3a working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator FOIA b3a. Since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

6 October 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 2/10

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

Individual Reports

1.) Food Situation

(1) In order to guarantee shipment of flour and barley to the enterprises of the NKRF distantly located from railroad lines, the NKRF has instructed the Oblast' Trade Sections and Oblast' Grain Procurement Offices to deliver not later than October the necessary amounts of flour and barley for the entire winter until the beginning of the 1944 navigation season to the supply offices of the steamship agencies, shipyards, ship repair plants and bases of the NKRF. The chiefs of the steamship agencies and directors of individual enterprises are instructed to deliver the allotted provisions to distant bases not later than 10 or 15 October.

(2) At the Tashauz (425 km. NNW of Chardzhou on the Amu-Darya) Directorate for Oil and Fat there are 1,000 tons of unclaimed oil cakes which are in danger of spoiling.

(3) The NKRF enterprises in Gorkij have to accept the shipment of 2000 tons of flour for additional delivery in Gorkij Oblast'.

(4) The Oblast' Trade Section in Stalino is receiving the following consignment from Moscow for Stalino Oblast':

Sugar	10 cars
Animal fat	5 cars
Matches	5 cars
Household soap	5 cars
Confectionery	3 cars
Powdered eggs	3 cars
Tobacco goods	3 cars
Canned fish	2 cars
Coffee	1 car
Tea	1 car

In addition the following is being shipped from Machachkala:

Rice, barley 15 cars

Fish, herring 16 cars

(5) The Chief of the NKRF Offices in Stalingrad received an order to fly immediately to Uralsk in order to assist in the organization of cattle shipments. It is considered important that cattle shipments reach the Volga before winter sets in so that they can be transshipped by water.

(6) As of 20 September the Stalingrad NKRF has taken in a total of 91.5 tons of vegetables.

(7) Rostov/Don has obtained consent from the NK for Procurement to supply the population with grain procured for the military. 957 tons of grain have been requested. The military authorities are refusing to give the grain for civilian use.

(8) Rostov, Meat Combine, has to procure the following meat products in October:

Meat	80 tons
Sausage	3 tons
Sausage	5 tons
Sausage	2 tons
Jelly	2 tons
Blood sausage	3 tons

(9) The Rostov Oblast' Trade Section consumed in August:

Flour	3,055 tons
Grain	3,566 tons
Barley	92 tons

(10) As of 15 September the Kolkhozes and Sovkhozes of Krasnodar Oblast' had not yet threshed the grain harvest of 23,000 hectares. The plan of bread grain procurement was fulfilled only 30% in the summer. As a result of this tempo of work grain deliveries have diminished from week to week. The prompt carrying out of harvest as well as the State fulfillment plan of grain delivery is therefore in question. The threshing of the harvest must be finished by 20 October, by introducing uninterrupted work.

(11) The enterprises of the Dagestan Canning Trust have no salt, since no salt shipments from the Salt Directorate in Ni zhniy-Baskunchak have been undertaken.

(12) 300 tons of powdered eggs and milk requiring 20 cars for shipments are stored in Baku Harbor.

(13) As of 15 September the NK for Agriculture of Azerbajdzhan reports a stock of 459,074 tons of hay and 611,789 tons of straw. The hay delivery undertaken up to now in the amount of 92,198 tons represents 66% of the plan for hay delivery. The Armenian NK of the Food Industry informs Moscow that the careful grinding of 40 tons of soya husks for putting out refined flour by the use of a magnetic safety installation has made it possible to reduce the ferrogenous content from 10 millograms to 1 1/2 milligrams. The Flour Combine in Erevan is to grind 1500 tons of soya husks at once in order to insure delivery to the army.

(14) Krasnovodsk requests Fish Sales in Azerbajdzhan to ship 5 tons of red caviar.

(15) By 23 September Ashkhabad Rajon fulfilled the delivery plan of agricultural goods ahead of schedule as follows:

Grain	---	95%
Butter	18.8 tons	101%
Sheep cheese	11.9 tons	100%
Meat	471	122%
Eggs	22747 units	100%

Requirements

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consigner</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(16)	Erevan Food Industry	7 tons	Vegetable fat	---	Additional for third quarter
(17)	Erevan Food Industry	40 tons	"	---	Additional for fourth quarter
(18)	Kizlyar Fish Trust	40 cars	Salt	---	For Nov.

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(19)	Kharkov Oblast' Grain Procurement	1000 tons	Bread grain	Rostov/Don Grain Procurement	For October
(20)	Bashkir Republic	3000 tons	Grain	---	---
(21)	Yakutsk NKRF	90 tons	Fodder grain	---	For Wood Procurement
(22)	Nalchik Meat Combine	30 tons	Winter barley	N alchik Grain Procurement	For sowing purposes
(23)	N alchik Agricultural Enterprises of NK for Meat and Dairy Industry	30 tons	Winter barley	Nalchik Grain Procurement	"
(24)	"	54 tons	"	Baku Grain Procurement	"
(25)	Machachkala Grain Procurement	15 cars	Wheat	Berikej Grain Procurement	For September
(26)	Stalino Oblast'	1000 tons	Flour	Tambov Oblast'	For September
(27)	Stalino Oblast'	1000 tons	Flour	Saratov Oblast'	For September
(28)	Gorkij, Molotov Plant	25 head	Calves	---	For October
(29)	Gorkij NKRF "Teplokhod" Plant	25 head	Calves	---	For October
(30)	Gorodets NKRF Plant	30 head	Calves	---	"
(31)	Gorodets Shipyard	30 head	Calves	---	"
(32)	Kostroma Shipyard	10 head	Calves	---	"
(33)	Borovoe-NKRF	15 head	Calves	---	"
(34)	Molotov-NKRF	80 head	Calves	---	"
(35)	Orel (Molotov Rajon) Shipyard	15 head	Calves	---	"
(36)	Cherdyn Shipyard	15 head	Calves	---	"
(37)	Chkalovsk NKRF Plant	20 head	Calves	---	"
(38)	Gorkij NKRF	70 head	Calves	---	"
(39)	Kursk Oblast' Kolkhozès	1600 head	Poultry	Zelina	---
(40)	Machachkala Wine Industry Trust	1 car	Wine	Dagestan NK of Food Industry	---
(41)	Tbilisi Canning Trust	300 tons	Sugar	Dzhulfa	---
(42)	Krasnodar, Cattle Trust	3 cars	Salt	Rostov/Don "Don Salt"	For October

Deliveries

(43)	Astrakhan NKRF	4 tons	Fodder	---	In August, Sept.
(44)	Liberated Areas	5000 pcs.	Poultry	Rostov/Don	Until 25 September
(45)	Voreshilovsk Oblast'	2400 pcs.	Poultry	Salsk, Poultry Combine	On 25 September

2.) Oil Supply

(46) On 23 September Naphtha Supply in Machachkala shipped:

Derbeshki	Plant 237	1 tank car	Naphtha products
Gorkij	Plant 92	2 tank cars	Naphtha products
Dzhevsk	Plant 71	4 tank cars	Naphtha products
N ochka (Penza Oblast')	Plant 354	1 tank car	Naphtha products
Votkinsk (365 km. SE of Kirov)	Plant 235	2 tank cars	Naphtha products

(47) Naphtha Supply in Gurev was to send the Russian tank industry 164 tank cars of diesel oil in September. Since not a single tank car was sent, the output of tanks is in question.

(48) Groznyj Naphtha Supply should have received 15 tank cars of Avtol from Machachkala in September, 10 of which were designated for agriculture. Since Groznyj received no avtol during the month, the fall harvest is in danger.

(49) The grain mill in Nalchet is idle due to the lack of fuel.

(50) The Republic of Azerbajdzhan requires 5,000 tons of petroleum per month in summer and 6,000 tons per month in winter. In September only 2,050 tons were allotted, creating great difficulties in supplying the population. Petroleum Sales in Baku is being discontinued. An additional allotment of 2,950 tons is necessary.

(51) Naphtha Supply in Tbilisi can make available to the Georgian Motor Tractor Stations 700 tons of petroleum out of State Reserves for the account of the fourth quarter.

(52) Textile Supply in Ashkhabad had the following balance during the second ten-day period of September:

Mazut	18 tons
Naphtha	123 tons
Petroleum	11 tons
Benzine	11 tons
Avtol	0.3 tons
Solidol	0.3 tons

Consignee	Quantity	Type	Remarks
(53) Rostov	38 tons	Fuel	For agricultural work
(54) Mizurisk Metal Plant	30 tons	Mazut	For October
(55) Mizurisk Metal Plant	250 tons	Naphtha	For October
(56) Nalchik Mill	30 tons	Naphtha	---
(57) Nalchik Mill	11 tons	Petroleum	---

(58)	Baksan, Construction	20 tons	Benzine	For October
(59)	Erevan, Armenian Power	2 tons	Benzine	Urgent demand
(60)	Machachkala Fuel Directorate	15 tons	Benzine	Increased allotment for new motor vehicles
(61)	Mizurish Metal Plant	70 tons	Benzine	For October
(62)	Baksan Construction	10 tons	Ligroin	For October
(63)	Baksan Construction	10 tons	Gas oil	For October
(64)	Mizurish Metal Plant	5 tons	Machine oil	For October
(65)	Mizurish Metal Plant	15 tons	Motor oil	For October
(66)	Mizurish Metal Plant	3 tons	Compressor oil	For October
(67)	Nalchik Mill	0.6 tons	Diesel Lubricating oil	For October
(68)	Baksan Construction	7 tons	Avtol	For October
(69)	Mizurish Metal Plant	20 tons	Avtol	For October
(70)	Nalchik Mill	0.7 tons	Avtol	For October
(71)	Baksan, Construction	1 ton	Solidol	For October
(72)	Mizurish Metal Plant	2 tons	Solidol	For October
(73)	Baku, Azerbajdzhan Power	76 tons	Transformer oil	For October

Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(74)	Gorkij, Upper Volga Steamship Agency	800 tons	Mazut	Kamuste	For end of September
(75)	Molotov NKRF	300 tons	Mazut	Kamuste	For end of September
(76)	Moscow-Oka Steamship Agency	400 tons	Mazut	Kamuste	For end of September
(77)	Taganrog Metal Factory "Andreev"	300 tons	Mazut	Groznyj	---
(78)	Ufa-NKRF	5 tons	Mazut	Derbeshka	---
(79)	Krasnovodsk? Plant 38	3 tank cars	Naphtha	Nebit-Dag Naphtha Supply	---
(80)	Dokshukuno Acetone Plant	6 tons	Petroleum	---	Additional for September
(81)	Stavropol Technical Supply of NKVD	1 tons	Petroleum	---	For September
(82)	Taganrog, Metal Plant Andreev"	1 tank car	Petroleum	---	---
(83)	Dokshukino Acetone Plant	5 tons	Benzine	---	For September
(84)	Krasnovodsk Plant #13	10 tank cars	Benzine	Nebit-Dag Naphtha Supply	---
(85)	Majkop	5 tank cars	Benzine	Krasnodar	---
(86)	Mangishlak Coal	4.5 tank cars	Benzine	Astrakhan Naphtha Supply	In September
(87)	Stavropol NKVD Directorate	2 tank cars	Benzine	Stavropol Naphtha Supply	Additional for September

(88)	Stavropol, Oblast Trade Trust	5 tank cars	Benzine	---	---
(89)	Stavropol, NKVD Technical Supply	2 tank cars	Benzine	---	For September
(90)	Taganrog Metal Plant "Andreev"	1 tank car	Benzine	---	---
(91)	Votkinsk	1 tank car	Lubri- cating Mazut	Machachkala Chief Naphtha Supply	For September
(92)	Georgievsk Dairy	1 tank car	Machine oil	Baku, Naphtha Supply	---
(93)	Groznyj	24 tons	Machine oil	Baku, Naphtha Supply	For October
(94)	Miass, Motor Vehicle Plant	3 tank cars	"	Krasnovodsk Naphtha Supply	For September
(95)	Shadrinsk Motor Vehicle Plant	5 tank cars	"	"	"
(96)	Chelyabinsk Motor Vehicle Plant	3 tank cars	"	"	"
(97)	Sugar Factory "Kalininsk", Tet- kino Railroad Sta- tion	2 tank cars	"	Baku Naphtha Supply	In October
(98)	Sugar Factory "Kollektivist" Blokhino Railroad Station	1 tank car	"	"	In October
(99)	Sugar Factory "Pervukhinsk" Kenig Railroad Station	2 tank cars	"	"	In October
(100)	Sugar Factory "Rakityansk" Zinaidino Rail- road Station	1 tank car	"	"	In October
(101)	Sugar Factory "Sumsko-Stepan- ovsk" Toropilovka Railroad Station	2 tank cars	"	"	In October
(102)	Groznyj	-12 tons	Cylinder oil	"	In October
(103)	Sugar Factory Novo-Pokrovsk Oborono Lenin- skaya Railroad Station	1 tank car	Cylinder oil	"	In October
(104)	Tavda, Directo- rate of Prison Camps of NKVD	27.7 tons	"	"	---
(105)	Pukshino Acetone Factory	1 tank car	Turbine oil	"	Additional for September
(106)	Groznyj	24 tank cars	Compressor oil	"	For October
(107)	Groznyj	28 tank cars	Viscosine	"	"
(108)	Groznyj	88 tank cars	Avtol	"	"

(109)	Georgievsk Dairy	1 tank car	Avtol	Baku Naphtha Supply	---
(110)	Dokshukino, Ace- tone Plant	4 tons	Trans- former oil	---	For September
(111)	Groznyj	24 tons	"	"	Additional for October
(112)	Gorkij, Tanker Supply	5000 tons	Mazut	Baku	For third quarter
(113)	Tashkent, Auto Combine of NKVD	43 tons	Diesel oil	Krasnovodsk	In September
(114)	Sverdlovsk, Tank Supply	10 tons	Petrol- eum	Baku Peak Supply	---
(115)	Chelyabinsk, Tank Plant "Kirov"	42 tons	"	Gurev	---
(116)	Tashkent, Auto- Combine of NKVD	39 tons	Ligroin	Krasnovodsk	In September
(117)	Ingumnovo Gorkij Oblast'	2 tank cars	Cylinder oil "2"	---	"
(118)	Ingumnovo Gorkij Oblast'	1 tank car	Cylinder oil "6"	---	"
(119)	Stalingrad Tractor Directorate	23 Tons	Cylinder oil "6"	Baku, Naphtha Supply	"
(120)	Plant 176	1 tank car	Cylinder oil	Baku, Naphtha Supply	---
(121)	Plant 577	1 Ton	Cylinder oil	Baku, Naphtha Supply	---
(122)	Stalingrad Tractor Plant	23 Tons	Spindle oil	Baku, Naphtha Supply	---
(123)	Stalingrad Tractor Plant	22 tons	Airplane lubricat- ing oil	Baku, Naphtha Supply	In September
(124)	Kirov Plant of Tank Supply	22 tons	"	Baku, Naphtha Supply	In September
(125)	Nochka, Plant #354	1 tank car	Winter lubricat- ing oil	Machachkala Naphtha Supply	In September

3.) Chemical Supply

(126) The chemical plant in Machachkala suspended work because of the lack of silicate. The glass factory in Dagestanskije-Ogni must give the plant 200 tons of silicate.

(127) The naphtha enterprises in Baku received only 41 tons of caustic soda of the 351 tons allotted for September from "Sovpren". Because of this, output of special production is threatened.

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(128)	Machachkala Airplane Plant	2 tons	Graphite	Kyshtyn Graphite Plant	For 3rd quarter
(129)	Tbilisi, Georgian Tea and Citrus Plantations	3000 tons	Super- phosphate	---	---

(130)	Tbilisi, Georgia Tea and Citrus Plantations	1800 tons	Ammonium sulfate	---	---
(131)	Tbilisi, Georgia Tea and Citrus Plantations	1000 tons	Calcium chloride	---	---
(132)	Astrakhan Navi- gation Camp	30 balloons		Molotov	---
(133)	Dzerzhinsk	30 "	Ammonia	Chistopol NKRF	---
(134)	Rostov/Don Building Mater- ial Supply	6 cars	Carbide	Er evan	For September
(135)	Groznyj Naphtha Sales	1 car	Carbide	Kirovakan Chemi- cal Works	For September
(136)	Plant 624 of NK of Chemical Industry	1 car	Carbide	Kirovakan Chemi- cal Works	For September
(137)	Omsk, Plant of Tank Supply	1 car	Carbide	Baku, Tank Supply	---
(138)	Novosibirsk NKRF	1 car	Calcium carbide	---	For September
(139)	Erevan, Light Industry Supply	40 tons	Caustic soda	Erevan "Sovpren"	For September
(140)	Rostov/Don Com- bine for Technical Fat	4 tons	Caustic soda	Stalingrad Plant 91	---
(141)	Chasovnaya-Nizh- naya	120 tons	Sodium Cyanide	Baku Iransovtrans	---
(142)	Krasnovodsk	305 tons	"	Baku, Iransov- trans	---
(143)	Gorkij NKRF	25 tons	Lacquer	Kemerovo	---
(144)	Nakhichevan, Don Railroad	3 tons	Varnish	Gorkij NKRF	For September
(145)	Molotov NKRF Kama-Steamship Agency	3 tons	Varnish	Gorkij	---
(146)	Stalingrad NKRF	5 tons	Varnish		For 3rd quarter
(147)	Stalingrad, Con- struction	5 tons	Varnish	Moscow, Chief Directorate of Construction	---
(148)	Chistopol, NKRF Plant	5 tons	Varnish	---	For 3rd quarter

Deliveries

(149)	Groznyj Special Construction	5980 cu.met.	Oxygen	Groznyj Technical Naphtha Supply	By 1 September
(150)	Groznyj, Special Construction	3218 cu.met.	Acetelyne	Groznyj, Technical Naphtha Supply	By 1 September
(151)	Kutais Lithopone Plant	100 tons	Sulfuric acid	Alaverdy Sulfuric Acid Plant	From 21 to 30 September
(152)	Baku-Chemical Sales	21 tons	Caustic soda	Baku (?) "Sovpren"	From 1 to 10 Sept. 6% of Sept. allot- ment.

4.) Production Situation

(153) The cost of production for one 1,700 ton coal tug is 288,000 rubles in Gorkij;
for a 1,700 ton grain tug 325,000 rubles.

(154) Arkhangelsk is receiving the following domestic plan for the fourth quarter:

For Shipbuilding	750,000 rubles
For General over-	
haul	600,000 rubles
For Current repair	
work	1,000,000 rubles
Other work	880,000 rubles
Assignments from	
other organizations	<u>1,840,000 rubles</u>
Total:	5,170,000 rubles
For own repairs	
beyond plan	1,045,000 rubles

(155) The Volga NKRF has the following domestic plan for the fourth quarter:

For Shipbuilding	580,000 rubles
For General over-	
haul	200,000 rubles
For Current repair	
work	450,000 rubles
For Other Work	220,000 rubles
Assignments from	
other organizations	<u>100,000 rubles</u>
Total	1,550,000 rubles
For own repairs	
beyond plan	210,000 rubles

(156) "Rostov-Ugol'" in Shakhty is receiving nine cars of cement in September from the cement factory in Ararat for reconstruction. "Voroshilovgrad Ugol'" in Krasnodar and "Rostov Ugol'" in Shakhty are receiving an additional 5 cars of window glass in September from the glass factory in Dagestankie-Ogni.

(157) The shipbuilding yard in Machachkala received only 52 tons of the allotted 200 tons of fireproof brick for expansion. For maintenance of the enterprise the cement plant in Ararat requires 500 tons of alabaster.

(158) The following sugar plants are being reconstructed in the indicated oblasti:

Sugar factory Pervukhinsk, Kenig Railroad Station
Sugar factory Sumsk-Stepanovsk, Toropilovka Railroad Station
Sugar factory Kalininsk, Tetkino Railroad Station
Sugar factory Rakityansk, Zinaidino Railroad Station

(All railroad stations are on the southern railroad). Sugar factory Kollektivist, Blokhino Railroad Station, on the Dzerzhinsk railroad.

(159) The Dagestan canning trust in Machachkala was very poorly supplied with containers. The container factories are producing only 20 instead of 200 containers daily.

(160) The following plants have been newly noted:

<u>Plant No.</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
15	Gorkij	NK for Munitions
28	Baku	Chief Directorate for Oxygen
81	Taganrog	---
87	Rostov	Airplane motor production (?)
431	Baku (?)	Naphtha Industry in Baku
703	Taganrog	Metal plant (?)
773	Kostroma	Grenade Industry

(161) According to radio reports and a leading article of "Pravda", a new, large production program is to be carried out in the Soviet Union to raise the output of weapon and airplane production for winter operations. The effort to raise production is to be the most important task of Party organs.

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